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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Deputy Director, Central Intelligence

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Deputy Director (Plans)

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Acting Chief, Development Projects Division, DD/P

SUBJECT

Handling of TALENT Photography in Preliminary

Phases

- 1. This memorandum is for your information.
- 2. The Ad Hoc Requirements Committee (ARC) has reviewed the current practices in the initial handling of TALENT photography and has reached agreement for the improvement in such handling as indicated in paragraphs 5. and 6. below.
 - 3. Principles Underlying the Procedures
- collected in response to the requirements of the US intelligence community on a priority basis and, in addition, insofar as feasible without detriment to the foregoing, in response to departmental requirements.
- b. the processing and handling of the raw material shall be accomplished with the maximum speed possible within maintenance of high-quality standards.
- c. That the maximum efficiency and speed shall apply in the preparation of the preliminary interpretation report through the full participation of the USIB community, along with the simultaneous transmission of the report to relevant overseas posts.
- 3. That one department seeking to scoop other departments with TALENT information will most likely, in the long run, be detrimental to the interests of the intelligence community.

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4. Procedures

In trying to act upon the foregoing principles and to achieve the objectives implicit in them, the ARC has:

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- a. Considered the scheduling of processing and distribution of duplicate positives and negatives from Eastman, taking into account the thus far exceptional circumstances schedules have been agreed.
- b. Provided a forum for the review of the procedures established by PIC in keeping with the foregoing principles. Over the years the procedures of PIC to ensure the full participation of the community in the preliminary readout have progressed to its highest state as of the readout of
- c. Arranged for the prompt and equal access of the agencies to all intelligence information derived from a Mission, whether photographic, electronic or pilot debriefings.
 - 5. As a means of improving our procedures, the ARC agreed that:
- a. During the preliminary interpretation at PIC by the community, only personnel authorized for that immediate task be allowed in the areas designated for ODE preparation in PIC.
- b. That no information be transmitted from PIC through briefings, telephone calls or written memoranda bearing upon the substance of the interpretation until the ODE is produced. If information has been uncovered deemed critical by the agencies participating, a flash report will be issued to the community simultaneously.
- c. That as soon as briefing materials are available on highlights (which is likely to occur prior to the publication of the ODE), the DD/I's Office should take responsibility for calling together the USIB at a Special Meeting for a briefing to be presented by the Director, PIC, with briefing representatives available from each agency participating in the readout, such briefing to include an operational briefing by the Acting Chief, DPD.

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The ARC has reviewed the schedule for production and dissemination of the duplicate materials and has agreed on the following order of priority:

PRIORITY I (for Inter-Agency Use)

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ı	7	Roll	DP	AFCIN
1		Roll	DP	SHE AFCIA
1	1	Roll	DP	ATIC
1	,	Roll	DN	ACIC
2		Roll	DP&DI	4 Army
1		Roll	DN	Navy

PRIORITY III

Cut Prints PIC Roll DP(Sequentially) PIC Roll PIC

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It is understood that the first four copies listed in Priority I will be moved simultaneously to PIC for community use in preparation of the ODE. The fourth and fifth copies will be produced immediately following the Priority I materials and moved to the recipients as rapidly as feasible. Movement is a responsibility of Ops/DPD, CIA, and USAF Air Ops.

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AMES Q. REBER Chairman

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